(a) whether it is a fact that Governent consider a 'call' as 'local call' which is made by subscribers within the distance of 200 kms;

(b) if so, whether this facility does not apply to the inter-State calls even if the distance between the called and the caller is only two kms;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government are taking to extend the ambit of local call facility for an inter-State call made within the distance of 200 kms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir. Any call within a distance 200 kms can not be considered as a local call. Local call is a call which originates from subscribers of a service provider network/exchange system in a Short Distance Charging Area (SDCA) and terminates either within the same SDCA, or in the contiguous telephone exchange system of the adjacent SDCA.

(b) to (d) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

Postal facilities in Rajasthan

4967. DR. ABRAR AHMED : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new post offices sanctioned and set up in the rural areas of Rajasthan during 2001-02, district-wise; and

(b) the places identified where the post offices are likely to be opened in next few years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) District-wise details of new post offices sanctioned and set up in the rural areas of Rajasthan during 2001-2002 are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) The identification of places where new post offices are likely to be opened, is undertaken on an annual basis. Approval in next few years would be subject to availability of requisite resources and proposals that fulfils the prescribed norms.

Statement

District-wise number of new post offices sanctioned and set up in Rural Areas of Rajasthan during the year 2001-2002

Sl. No.	No. of post offices sanctioned and set up	Name of district
1.	2	Alwar
2.	1	Jaipur
3.	1	Bharatpur
4.	1	Pali
5.	2	Jalore
6.	2	Jodhpur
7.	1	Sriganganagar
8.	2	Sirohi
9.	1	Hanumangarh
10.	3	Chittorgarh
11.	3	Udaipur
12.	2	Bhilwara
13.	1	Banswara
14.	1	Dungarpur
Total:	**23**	

Composition of TRAI

4968. DR. ABRAR AHMED : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the composition of the Telephone Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI);

(b) the procedure adopted for selection/nomination of members to TRAI;

(c) the expenditure incurred annually on TRAI; and

(d) the number of cases solved by TRAI during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The Chairperson and Members of the Telecom Regulatory Authority